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Precision Farming Technologies
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote the use of precision farming technologies in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Precision Farming Development Centres (PFDCs) in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India has been promoting precision farming by setting up Precision Farming Development Centres (PFDCs) to develop and disseminate regionally differentiated technologies on precision farming and plasticulture applications for hi-tech horticulture and agriculture by harnessing the potential of available resources such as light, water, soil etc. with an aim to enhance the productivity per unit area of mandated crops under the centrally sponsored schemes like Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) / Prime Minister Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(b) & (c): No, Madam. Presently, there are 22 Precision Farming Development Centres (PFDCs) set up in various Agricultural Universities/Institutions to develop and disseminate technologies in the field of micro-irrigation and protected cultivation.

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